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Dear Dr. Sumchai:

Thank you for your June 24, 2018 email addressed to Dr. Patrick Breysse, Director, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). I am the ATSDR Petition Coordinator. In your email you requested that ATSDR re-evaluate the public health implications of the former Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in light of the fraudulent radiation soil sampling conducted by the remedial contractor employees. At this time, we are reviewing your request. Once we have completed our review of the available information and data, we will send you a second letter advising you whether ATSDR will be taking further actions in response to your petition request.

ATSDR's Petition Program was established by Congress in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, also known as Superfund). All requests are evaluated for relevance to ATSDR's mission, whether data are available for analysis, and public health priority. Should we decide to conduct public health activities in response to your petition, they will be designed to determine whether people have been or are currently being exposed to hazardous substances released into the environment from a hazardous waste site or facility. ATSDR then evaluates whether the exposure is harmful, or potentially harmful, and whether the exposure should be stopped or reduced. These evaluations are based on the available environmental sampling data typically collected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tribes, or state and local regulatory agencies.

As a non-regulatory public health agency, ATSDR does not evaluate regulatory decisions made by other agencies or environmental impacts. In addition, ATSDR's evaluations generally are not able to determine the cause of a particular disease or medical condition experienced by an individual or a group of individuals in a community.

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Thank you for bringing your and the community's concerns about the Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard to our attention. If you have any questions on how your request is being reviewed, please contact either Ms. Libby Vianu, ATSDR Region 9 Director at (415) 947-4319 or via email at lj18@cdc.gov or me, at (770) 488-3660 or via email at SRodenbeck@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sven E. Rodenbeck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sven E. Rodenbeck, Sc.D., P.E. BCEE
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Cc:
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